

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 11 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. New claim 15 has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The Examiner asserts that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In response, Applicant has amended the drawings and submitted replacement drawing sheets with the amendment. Figs 2 and 3 have been relabeled as Fig. 2a and Fig. 3a, respectively. In addition, new figures 2b and 3b have been added. Fig. 2a-2b and Fig. 3a-3b clearly show the ability of the child seat to be stowed in an opening, the opening being present in a backseat or a seating area of the vehicle seat. Applicant respectfully submits that support for Figs. 2a-2b and 3a-3b is present throughout the specification. More specifically, support for Figs. 2a-2b and 3a-3b can be found on page 3, lines 5-17, page 3, line 25 - page 4, line 11, page 4, line 16 - page 5, line 16, and page 5, line 25 - page 6, line 7 of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the drawing objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant has canceled claim 2, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Claims 1-5, 8-10, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,516,188 to Bruhnke et al. ("Bruhnke"). Claim 1 discloses a child seat for vehicles. Applicant respectfully submits that Bruhnke fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of amended independent claim 1, namely, a child seat for vehicles wherein the child seat can be stowed in an opening in a vehicle interior, wherein the opening is adapted to be arranged in a backrest of a vehicle seat.

Bruhnke discloses an inflatable child seat including at least two air chambers. The child seat is foldable when the at least two air chambers have been evacuated to form a suitcase like body. In an evacuated condition, the child seat is folded up in the shape of a suitcase-like bag. The bag is adapted to be transported and stowed in a simple manner using a carrying handle. Bruhnke fails to disclose storing a child seat in an opening in a vehicle interior, wherein the opening is adapted to be arranged in a backrest of a vehicle seat. In contrast, Bruhnke discloses deflating a child seat and storing the child seat in a suitcase or attaché case. Bruhnke fails to store the child seat in an opening arranged in a backrest of a vehicle seat as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 distinguishes over Bruhnke. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claim 2 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot. Dependent claims 3-5, 8-10, and 14 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 3-5, 8-10, and 14 distinguish over Bruhnke and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 3-5, 8-10, and 14 is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bruhnke in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,840,425 to Noble ("Noble"). Dependent claims 7 and 12-13 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 7 and 12-13 distinguish over the cited combination of Bruhnke and Noble and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 7 and 12-13 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bruhnke in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,292,176 to Artz ("Artz"). Dependent claim 6 depends from and further restricts independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent

claim 6 distinguishes over the cited combination of Bruhnke and Artz and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 6 is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bruhnke in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,678,891 to O'Neill ("O'Neill"). Dependent claim 11 depends from and further restricts independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claim 11 distinguishes over the cited combination of Bruhnke and O'Neill and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 11 is respectfully requested.

New claim 15 discloses a child seat for vehicles. Applicant respectfully submits that Bruhnke fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of claim 15, namely, a child seat for vehicles wherein the child seat can be stowed in an opening in a vehicle interior, wherein the opening is adapted to be arranged in a seating area of a vehicle seat. For similar reasons as discussed earlier with respect to independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 15 is also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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